

REMARKS

Claims 2, 7-18 and 20-35 are pending in the instant application. Claims 21, 24-27, 30, 31 and 33 have been amended, and Claims 22, 23, 28, 29, 32, 34 and 35 have been cancelled. Applicants appreciate the indication that Claims 2 and 7-18 have been allowed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application.

The rejection of Claims 21-35 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lauterbach (U.S.P.N. 4,614,674) or JP-11116889, is respectfully traversed.

Claims 2 and 7-18 have been allowed. The remaining claims have been amended to be dependent upon the allowed claims. Applicants, therefore, respectfully submit that all of the pending claims define allowable subject matter and request issuance of Notice of Allowance for this application.

Please find attached hereto an IDS that includes a published patent application that recently became known to Applicants.

Should there be any fee due in connection with this application, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 15-0680 (ORSCHELN MANAGEMENT CO.). Should the Examiner deem that any further action on the part of Applicants would advance prosecution, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully Submitted,



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